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THE LAST NOTE TO AUSTRIA.

It is difficult to avoid entertaining the suspicion that Secretary Lansing put just a bit of keen-edged irony into the latest note to Austria regarding the sinking of the Ancona.

In its reply to the first American communication the Austrian government asked for evidence in support of the allegation that the commander of the submarine committed an act contrary to the recognized rules of civilized warfare.

Without going into details as to the American side of the case, the secretary of state in his last note simply cited the report of the Austrian admiralty to the effect that the Ancona was fired upon after its engines were stopped and while passengers were on board. Then comes the artistic stroke in which Mr. Lansing says that in view of the admitted facts the government of the United States does not feel that testimony tending to "corroborate" the report of the Austrian admiralty is essential to the discussion.

It is somewhat difficult to see how Austria could fairly demand evidence to substantiate the admissions made by its own admiralty and our clear-headed secretary seems to have had a due appreciation of this important point. His assumption, also, that Austria fully recognizes the international laws which are alleged to have been violated by her commander is another pretty fair specimen of diplomatic astuteness.

The American case is put so plainly and in such a friendly spirit that it is clear that the Austrian foreign office will have to resort to some shrewd tricks of logic in order to evade the issue or to condone the offense with which the submarine commander is charged. There is no indication that our State Department has any idea of receding from the position taken from the start with reference to upholding the rules of civilized warfare and unless Austria comes around to the Washington way of thinking about it, the chances are that she will have to part diplomatic company with Uncle Sam.

THE GOLDEN DAYS.

There are two days of the week upon which and about which I never worry, two care-free days kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension. One of these is yesterday. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed beyond the reach of my recall. I cannot undo an act that I wrought. I cannot unsay a word that I said on yesterday. All that it holds of life, of regret and sorrow is in the hands of the mighty love that can bring sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give beauty for ashes, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of night.

Save for the beautiful memories that linger, sweet and tender like the perfume of roses, in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with yesterday.

And the other day I do not worry about is tomorrow. Tomorrow, with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promises and poor performance, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reach of my mastery as its dead sister, yesterday. Its sun will rise in rosyate splendor, or beyond a mask of weeping clouds. But it will rise. Until then the same love and patience that held yesterday, and holds tomorrow, shines with tender promise into the heart of today. I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the infinite keeping of that infinite love that holds for me the treasure of yesterday and the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the sky, deeper than the seas.

There is left for myself, then but man can fight the battles of today, one day of the week—today. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day.—Robert J. Burdette.

We note that John Fields of Oklahoma is being mentioned in connection with the Republican nomination for vice president. Not that we think that there is any danger of so sensible a man falling for any attempt to hook him up with so foolish a scheme, but as a friend of Mr. Fields we want to protest against his name being thus dragged in the dust. Mr. Fields is too useful a man to be shelved in the senate chamber in Washington, even if there was any chance for a G. O. P. candidate to be elected. While he is equally as handsome as the ordinary vice president, he can do more good boosting better agriculture in Oklahoma than he can by serving for ornamental purposes in Washington.

Through your paper I want to congratulate the good people of Chickasha for so wisely providing for better school facilities. I know from observation that Chickasha needed this additional equipment. A few years ago Chickasha could boast of being the best equipped school town in the state. Since that time practically every town of the size of Chickasha has built high school buildings and additional buildings and have added equipment until all of the cities of her size have outgrown her. One of the greatest advertisements our city has ever had has been its good schools. I am proud to know that the board of education of Chickasha and the superintendent have so wisely planned for the junior high school and will be one of the first cities in the state to establish the junior high school as a real institution. Had it not been for the fact that I called a meeting of the Normal Training High School directors to meet in Oklahoma City on the date of the election, I would have been in Chickasha to vote for the bonds—not because I had any doubt as to their passing, but because of my desire to register my vote and approval of this advanced step of our beautiful city. This action of her citizens will make it possible for Chickasha to be referred to in the future as one of the model school towns of the state. With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year for all of the people of Chickasha and Grady county, I am,

Sincerely yours,

B. H. WILSON.

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